CHAPTER NO. 383

HOUSE BILL NO. 974

By Representative Bowers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 412

By Senator Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, relative to essential behavioral health services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. The behavioral health subcommittee of the select oversight committee on TennCare is hereby directed to study issues relative to:
 - (1) The creation of a continuum of essential behavioral health services and supports for those adults, children and families in Tennessee who are not eligible for such services through the TennCare program; and
 - (2) House Bill 974, as introduced.
- SECTION 2. That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the behavioral health subcommittee upon request of the chair.
- SECTION 3. That the behavioral health subcommittee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly by February 1, 2004.
- SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 29, 2003

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

> JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2003

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR